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Subject: RE: Information request from EPA regarding Sesko Pontoons

Glad to do it.

Larger meeting sounds like a good plan. I will wait to hear back regarding date.

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Shayne-

Thanks for following up! In regards to our upcoming meeting with CNG and the Suquamish to discuss the updated conceptual site model, I talked with CNG and based on past practices I'm hoping we can have a larger meeting with our partners (DNR, Ecology, etc.) in Bremerton sometime in December or January. I'll let you know when that happens.

Eva

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Eva,
Here is a follow up to our phone conversation regarding status of Sesko pontoon removal from Bremerton Gasworks site.

DNR has sent numerous correspondence to the Seskos via the Attorney General's Office regarding our demand to see the pontoons removed from the Harbor Area. DNR currently has a claim filed in the probate of the Sesko estate regarding unauthorized use and occupancy. We can put you in contact with the attorney assigned by the AAG Office if you need further information regarding this claim.

DNR staff have explored other avenues for removal. The most recent effort was an attempt to have Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) use this removal as a salvage training exercise. Unfortunately JBLM decided in the end that this project was beyond the scope of what they were looking for as a project.

Various salvage companies have expressed interest in salvaging the pontoons for scrap metal. None of these companies have completed or have been willing to complete regulatory permits necessary to initiate removal process. The cleanup status of this site and fact that pontoons are embedded in beach have changed scope of pontoon removal.

Our Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP) has added these pontoons to their list and have posted trespass notices to initiate process. As I explained during our call, existing DVRP funds can only be used to remove certain size vessels. Funds for the removal of these pontoons would need to be allocated by the legislature.

As a side note we have already removed three Sesko vessels from the Harbor Area that met requirements needed to access DVRP funds. DNR has filed a claim to recoup these costs in the probate of the Sesko estate.

I hope this summary is sufficient to meet your needs. Please let me know if you have further questions.

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